

Crimmitschau
near Zwickau-Saxony

Type of School Agent School
Location Obere Frankfurterstrasse,10
Reported in 1946,1947

History

The local Kommandantura was also housed in the same building as the school. The school stands on its own grounds and the garden is surrounded by a wall, but there is no barbed wire fencing. A guard is posted at the only entrance, which is at the front of the school which was a former Oberschule.

Agency directing school not known.

Students

ERNST, Waltrund

Info 1946-47, rpt 25 May 1947

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Type of School Agent Training
Reported in 1946

History

Christel Ida THOMSEN became acquainted with two Russian agents REICH & KODER in June 1945 where she was a nurse in a military hospital in Flensburg. In Dec 1945 and Jan 1946, these two individuals persuaded her to work for the Russians as they themselves did. She finally agreed and they took her to Crimmitschau.

They went to the Kommandantura there in Feb 1946, the agent school also housed the Kommandantura. She arrived there 19 Feb 1946 and the next beginning course did not start until 1 March 1946. For the two weeks before the course she was given textbooks to read. The few

The course began 1 March 1946 and lasted for six weeks, at the end of which time there was a preliminary examination.

After she passed the exam, she was assigned a mission as a "Bielauf", to an experienced agent, that is she was to accompany him and gain experience in practical methodology. She was given an alias and Russian identity papers made out in that name and a British travel permit which authorized her to travel from the British to the US zone and back. She along with REICH, KODER and a Frln EVERMANN who had also helped recruited her left Crimmitschau on 16 April 1946 and crossed to the British zone where they registered at a refugee camp.

Their return to Crimmitschau was timed for the end of April 1946 as the course second part of the course was scheduled to begin 1 May 1946. THOMSEN returned and took second course which she completed on 1 June 1946.

Upon completion of the course all the students were given a two week holiday and on 14 June 1946 were equipped with clothing, money etc. preparatory to starting out on their assignments. THOMSEN was detailed to operate in seaport towns in Germany.

STAFF

SKRIVANEK, Commandant of the school

STUDENTS in the spring of 1946

THOMSEN, Christel Ida

ZOPFEL, from Hamburg.

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School Started November 1945
Student Body when school opened numbered 200
Duration of Course ✓ course lasted 4-5 months. At end of six weeks
a preliminary exam given, followed by 2 weeks
work in the field under an experienced agent,
after which instruction was cont'd

Assignment upon completion of training: On completion of training,
students passed over the frontier. Each was assigned an
area and was told to report to the local resident for
general information. They were to frequent cafes & canteens
in which both the Allied personnel & German civilians were
permitted & to establish contact with soldiers. They were to
pose as anti-Soviet, steer the conversation around to chances
of war with Russia & use this opening to discover existing British
military resources.